



FEDERATION
OF
MANATEE COUNTY
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS. INC.

MAY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting – **May 17, 2016 at 6:45 P.M.**

LOCATION – SYNOVUS BANK
2520 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida
Conference/Meeting Room – Enter through side door on 26th Street side

Please mark your calendar and attend with a friend to show support for your community and quality of life.

AGENDA

- GUEST SPEAKER – Sally Dionne, District Director for Congressman Vern Buchanan
- Reports and requests for assistance by homeowners and items of interest
- Reading of Minutes and Treasurer's Report
- Discussion on Public Comments
- Progress Report on Health Care Advisory Board – Sandy Marshall
- Updates on Actions Taken

SUMMERTIME IN MANATEE COUNTY

It's summertime in Manatee County, the wind on our beaches and waterways offer gentle breezes. The roads, restaurants, retailers all get a breather while our winter visitors retreat to the north for the next few months. Finally, our local residents get a break in the action, but not all the action takes a break from the local citizens.

Government goes on, discussions continue and decisions are made that affect our new lives. Financial planning in the form of proposed budgets for the County and the school boards are deliberated and decided upon. Building and infra-structure planning for both residential and commercial construction, many which will take place later in the year are discussed and decided upon. History has shown that high impact decisions have been made during this population shift that have lasting affects upon many of our citizens while they are gone for the summer months.

As you are aware the Federation does not schedule membership meetings during June, July and August. Your board will continue to be involved in matters affecting homeowners. We have formally requested to be included on those committees who are slated to meet and deliberate important issues, which will result in decisions. School Board, Manatee County, budgeting, the sales tax issues, and impact fees are but a few of the many governmental issues we plan on being your representative eyes and ears. We currently have a representative on the Health Advisory Board (Sandy Marshall) which will make specific recommendations for future delivery and payment related to health care.

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***"Eternal Vigilance
is the price
of Liberty."***

The board members are planning to stay connected through the use of technology where possible and practical. Telephone conversations, faxing, e-mails, local media will all be utilized among the membership and board events unfold and become known.

It is important to all of us to stay involved and informed on issues that occur during all times and maybe even more important during the summer months. This August 30, 2016 will be an important primary election which will decide many of the future leaders for our county. There is a great deal of information that is developed and utilized to decide the fates of many of the actions which later can impact our quality of life. Please check our web site “thefmcca.com” for additional information to help sift through the shifting sands of progress and winds blowing them through our local citizenry.

Wishing us all a safe storm free summer, good economic progress, less traffic on the roads and less wait time at your favorite bistro for dinner. See you in September.

COUNTY HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD (HAB) UPDATE

On April 27, 2016, HAB members met for our scheduled monthly meeting. An excellent power point presentation was presented by the Manatee Rural Health Organization (MRH).

They explained how they began in Manatee County and how they have been serving the medical needs of the people in our county and the surrounding counties of Sarasota and DeSoto.

MRH, which began in Manatee County, is one of the largest not-for-profit federally qualified health centers in the entire South Eastern United States. It presently has 28 sites in Manatee, Sarasota and DeSoto counties, with 191 doctors as part of 633 other health care professionals.

What is important about the presentations of MRH is that most of our community is not aware of how they may be able to help solve the long-term problem of health care for Manatee’s most underserved medically needy. This is the primary reason HAB was created by the Board of County Commissioners in January.

Hopefully the presentation by MRH can be a part of an overall plan to be recommended to the County Commissioners and totally eliminate taxing our citizens. I will keep you advised. (ESM)

SECRETARY’S CORNER

Below is a brief synopsis of our most recent guest speaker and serves as a courtesy to our members and those on our newsletter mailing unable to attend our meetings.

Guest Speaker was Angelina “Angel” Colonnese, Clerk of Manatee Circuit Court and Comptroller. Angel was a Manatee County Prosecutor for 11 years, born and raised in Palmetto and became the first female Clerk in Manatee County. She worked alongside her predecessor, 40-year veteran clerk, R.B. “Chips” Shores who died in July 2015. This office is located at 1115 Manatee Ave. West in Bradenton.

The County Clerk is an elected 4-year position, and her office employs 270 staff; and handles more responsibilities than any other county elected official with duties ranging from most minor infractions to the most unbiased. The Clerk is entrusted to protect public funds and public records along with a long list of statutory functions and duties, and management of certain programs.

This presentation provided a very enlightening understanding of the many responsibilities assigned to the Clerk; a partial list includes acting as comptroller, auditor, and chief financial officer for county, with authority to manage and invest county funds; perform marriages; issue tax liens, marriage licenses; summons jurors; handle passports, judgments, first time home purchasers; process criminal, civil and juvenile court records; record instruments, legal and court documents, and real or personal property transactions; responsible for County historical parks, child support enforcement program, teen court program, history fair, and Historical Library records.

Chips Shore had a very innovative, high tech mind and vision for preserving records and making documents available through the process of digitizing, scanning, photo imaging. As a result, Manatee Records of the Clerk are available on their website line 24-7.

Angel is continuing to stride toward making improvements to online access of information, and shared enhancements recently added to the website, and mentioned E-recording of documents will be forthcoming in the future; and record information on the web is available to the public free of charge. (KLD)

MEETING DATES AND SPEAKERS

Come to our meetings. Be part of the solution, not the problem. Join the FMCCA. Here are the dates of our scheduled meetings. Please mark your 2016 calendars accordingly.

- February 16 – Home Health - Rob Coseco, Tidewell
- March 15 – Public Safety - Jimmy Crutchfield & Paul Dicicco
- April 19 – Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller - Angelina “Angel” Colonnese
- May 17 – Sally Dionne, District Direct for Congressman Vern Buchanan**
- September 20 – TBA
- October 18 - TBA
- November 15 – TBA

Don't forget to check-out <http://ourmanatee.com>, the “Unofficial Manatee County Website”.

Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, Inc. – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
(Please Print)

Date: _____ Type of Application: (Check One) [] Individual [] Homeowners Association [] Neighborhood Organization

Name of Association or Organization: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of Alternate Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Households in your organization: _____

Federation Annual Dues are \$.50 (fifty cents) for each household. (Number of Households X \$.50 = Annual Dues.) Not to exceed \$100.00. Cost for independent or single membership is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to FMCCA and mail with this form to Victor I. Coveduck, Treasurer, 5203 Palmetto Point Drive, Palmetto, FL 34221.

THIS PAGE IS DEDICATED TO

WILLIAM "BILL" WHEELER WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 25, 2016



William R. Wheeler was a long-time active Federation member, Air Force Veteran, and an enthusiastic devoted citizen committed to making certain our public officials had the only the best interest of our residents in the forefront of all their decisions-making powers. Bill Wheeler most likely made more personal appearances before the Manatee County Board of Commissioners than any other citizen, speaking his thoughts and making recommendations on a wide variety of county matters.

Bill was born in Schenectady NY during the great depression 1929, lost his father at a young age, and raised by his mother and grandmother. Bill met his wife, Constance at Hoffman's Skating Rink, and married for 68 years. He joined the Air Force during the Korean War, and was placed in the Strategic Air Command. During this time, his parents and grandparents moved from New York to Bradenton, FL. The Air Force assigned him to maintain and repair the atomic weapons, and during his service at Mac Dill Air Force Base, he received the US Air Force Commendation Medal. On his second enlistment, he was in electronics school and following the Cuban Missile Crisis, he became a civilian.

He and co-workers at the Sarasota based EMR, hand built the telemetry equipment that served the space race for the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo missions, then moved into the industrial computer controls in its early stages. He was a Florida Registered Master Electrical Contractor and never met an electron he couldn't make useful. He was a Mason and a Shriner. He hand built the family's first color TV. In retirement, Bill and Connie toured the prominent cities of Europe; and he became and remained active in local politics.

Bill was guest speaker at a 2013 Federation meeting and spoke about using carbon arc to burn trash telling the history of Plasma Arc and physics. He promoted an old method for new technology, identified the benefits to use for trash disposal, emphasized system makes its own electricity, makes synthetic gas, it can run turbans for electricity that will run our homes and businesses. It is a reasonably proven technology used globally, by US Navy, other U.S. states and cities. He believed Manatee County has ideal geography for this high tech trash system and envisioned a long-range plan of benefits for U.S. if governmental units considered its development.

He challenged us to read more on this topic and share idea with community associations, neighbors to promote its benefits. He believed if Manatee residents became educated and interested in such technology, it could put us on the map, setting 21 century advancement for trash disposal beyond expectations. System is costly, must be budgeted for, and initial investment could be paid for by a reform in our county government structure. Benefits include job creation, system manufactures and generates unbreakable glass blocks, concrete brick size, ideal for use in protection of our shorelines, lowers electricity costs, and long-range could provide gas to run county vehicles.

A Graveside Service was held at Sarasota National Cemetery. He is survived by wife Connie, daughter Caroline (Bob) Kurz, son Bill and wife Barbara, four grandchildren and two great grandsons. RIP Bill Wheeler. We will truly miss him and his many grand thoughts and ideas. (KLD)